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**STATEMENT OF STATUS/SUPPORT FOR  
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Sir:

A preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith in which claims 3 and 4 have been added for examination in this application. The status of these claims is pending as of the date of the amendment. Patent claims 1 and 2 are also pending. Support in the disclosure of the patent for the additional subject matter of claims 3 and 4 can be found in the patent in col. 4, lines 26-35 and Figure 5 of the drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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